

Reviving Malay civilisation

Five-year master plan to turn Johor into international centre to develop and promote Malay world

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JOHOR BARU: The Johor government has launched a five-year master plan to turn the state into an international centre of Malay civilisation.

Mentri Besar Datuk Hasni Mohammad said that Johor was the first state to come out with such a plan, aimed at reviving Malay culture and heritage, among other things.

"I hope that the master plan would be the new blueprint for the development and promotion of the wisdom of the Malay world.

"I also hope that it will not merely be a coffee-table book but instead a document

that can revive Malay civilisation," he said.

He said this in his speech during the launch of the Johor 2021-2025 master plan at the Centre of International Malay Civilisation here.

He added that the state government had also set up a committee to drive the master plan.

"The committee's role is to monitor and report on the progress of the master plan to the state government from time to time."

He added that the master plan, which is in the form of a book, would also be made available at government premises and given to private organisations.

Hasni said the plan had nine strategic thrusts, namely the Institution of Islam and

Malay Sultanate of Johor; Johor Malay Leadership; Johor Cultural Heritage; Malay Language and Literature; Malay Economy; Heritage and Cultural Tourism; Public Education and Realignment; Digital Heritage Library and Political Commitment.

Meanwhile, Johor education, information, heritage and culture committee chairman Mazlan Bujang said that the idea to initiate the master plan was sparked five years ago.

"The idea was first mooted in a Malay Civilisation Conference in November 2015

where it aimed to preserve Malay culture.

"The master plan was produced by a panel of 12 professionals with vast knowledge in their respective fields," he said.

He added that the master plan was led by Prof Emeritus Datuk Dr Ibrahim Komoo, Assoc Prof Dr Mohd Izani Mohd Zain and Prof Dr Ungku Maimunah Mohd Tahir.

"The research involved several public higher education institutions, such as Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia," he said.

